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SUBJECT: KUDOS TO EMBASSY AMMAN

Steve,

Embassy Amman's reporting cables represent some of the finest reporting and analysis coming out of the bureau today. Amman 1898 was a particularly impressive example and I wanted to pass along my appreciation for the high quality of this excellent analytical piece. Reports such as this one provide Washington with invaluable insights into the context in which we are managing both bilateral and multilateral issues with the Jordanian government. Post's quick spot reports ensure we are always updated, while longer reporting like your series reflecting on the ten years of King Abdullah's reign and the series on tribal elements of Jordanian society provide invaluable background. Your primer on honor killings and recent reviews of Jordan's economic situation are also excellent examples of reporting on topics our leadership is following with interest. Embassy Amman has perfected the art of providing the right information, at the right time, with the right analysis.

I know Embassy Amman's first rate reporting is representative of a mission team that excels across the board, from managing endless visits and a heavy consular load, to running busy bilateral programming in public affairs, technical assistance, and development areas.

Thanks to you and to your team for setting the bar so high in NEA. Best,

Jeff  
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